

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/784,447
Applicant(s): Hideki KAWAI
For: GLASS SUBSTRATE FOR AN INFORMATION
RECORDING MEDIUM AND INFORMATION
RECORDING MEDIUM EMPLOYING IT
Confirmation No.: 8210
Customer No.: 24367
Docket No.: 15162/05680
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Examiner: Elizabeth A. Bolden
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

These comments relate to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability mailed April 1, 2009, which provides for a response period ending July 1, 2009.

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The Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, and 19-21 is noted with appreciation. In allowing claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, and 19-21, the Examiner asserted that "[t]he prior art fail to disclose or suggest a chemically strengthened glass substrate wherein the glass is strengthened only on the inner and outer edge surfaces and not on the surface on which the recording layer is formed. This chemically strengthened glass has the composition as recited in the claims specifically the sum of the SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , and B_2O_3 and the ratio of the $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ limitations."

For clarification, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 requires, in part, a chemically strengthened glass substrate, wherein "a strengthened layer formed by chemical strengthening exists on an outer edge surface and on an inner edge surface but substantially not on a surface on which an information recording layer is formed, wherein, on the surface on which the information recording layer is formed, the glass substrate comprises the following glass ingredients: . . . $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ accounting for 63 to 90% by weight . . . and wherein the following condition is fulfilled: $1.5 < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$, or $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3 = 0\%$." (Emphasis added.)

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